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FCC ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR PUBLIC FORUM ON SECONDARY MARKETS IN RADIO SPECTRUM

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As previously announced (Public Notice 4/13/00, DA 00-862), the FCC will hold a Public Forum addressing issues related to the development of secondary markets for radio spectrum on Wednesday, May 31, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Public Forum will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room.

The forum will be open to the public and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. FCC Chairman William Kennard and other FCC Commissioners will provide opening remarks followed by three panel discussions structured around the following questions: (1) Can spectrum demand be satisfied in part through secondary markets? (2) What can we learn from other market models? and (3) How can FCC policies facilitate the development of secondary markets? The Commission appreciates all of the requests submitted for participation on the panels and regrets that not all requests could be accommodated. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the forum. The attached agenda provides the names and affiliations of the panelists. Each panelist has been asked to speak for 5-7 minutes. Opportunity for questions and answers will follow each panel.

Dale Hatfield, Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology and Robert Pepper, Chief of the Office of Plans and Policy will moderate the discussions. Chiefs or their designees from the Mass Media Bureau, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and International Bureau will also participate in the discussion. The public input received will help FCC staff in preparing recommendations for Commission action, if appropriate, in this area.

The forum will be closed captioned and will be carried live on the Internet through RealAudio from the FCC website at: http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/. A transcript of the forum will be available 10 business days after the event on the FCC's Internet site. The URL address for the FCC's Internet Home Page is http://www.fcc.gov. Transcripts may also be obtained from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, by calling ITS at (202) 857-3800, TTY (202) 293-8810, or faxing ITS at (202) 857-3805.

Audio and video tapes of the forum may be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling Infocus at (703) 834-0100 or by faxing Infocus at (703) 834-0111. Copies of the transcript in other alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260 voice, (202) 418-2555 TTY, or at mcontee@fcc.gov.

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Federal Communications Commission Public Forum on Facilitating Secondary Markets in Spectrum Wednesday, May 31, 2000, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Preliminary Agenda

Introduction: Dale Hatfield, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

Opening Remarks: FCC Chairman William Kennard

FCC Commissioners

Moderators: Dale Hatfield, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

Robert Pepper, Chief, Office of Plans and Policy, FCC

Panel Format: 5-7 minute presentations followed by questions and answers.

Panel 1: How can spectrum demand be satisfied through secondary markets?

Eli Noam*, Professor, Professor and Director of Columbia Institute for TeleInformation, Columbia University Graduate School of Business

Morgan O'Brien, Vice Chairman, Nextel Communications

Caressa Bennet, Counsel for the Rural Telecommunications Group

Peter Cramton, Chairman, Spectrum Exchange, and

Professor of Economics, University of Maryland

Mark Crosby, President and CEO, Industrial Telecommunications Association

Panel 2: What can we learn from other market models?

Sharon Crowe, Vice President, Bandwidth Markets, Williams Communications Laurence Green, Director, Strategy Unit, U.K. Radiocommunications Agency Mike Antonovich, Senior Vice President, Broadcast Services, PanAmSat Corporation Richard Reece, Chairman, Red Bat Communications

Panel 3: How can FCC policies and rules facilitate secondary markets?

Tom Hazlett, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute

Rich Barth, Vice President and Director of Telecommunications Strategy and Regulation, Motorola Corporation

Joe Mitola, Consulting Scientist, Mitre Corporation

Michelle Farquar, Attorney, Hogan and Hartson

Robert Shiver, Chief Executive Officer and President, Securicor Wireless Holdings, Inc.

^{*} Invited, but not confirmed.